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SUBJECT: GOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTY'S SPEECH TO NAM SUMMIT

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1. TEXT OF TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY'S SPEECH TO NAM SUMMIT WAS PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 19 TUNIS PRESS. IN THIS SPEECH, MADE ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, CHATTY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) UNJUST ECONOMIC ORDER FOUNDED ON DISCRIMINATION AND HEGEMONY MUST BE REPLACED BY NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. RESULTS OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE SO FAR BEEN SLIGHT, BUT UNCTAD IV LEFT DOOR OPEN TO COMPROMISE ON DEBT MORATORIUM AND CREATION OF FUND FOR FINANCING RAW MATERIAL PRICE STABILIZATION.

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(B) BENEFITS OF DETENTE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO NON-EUROPEAN NATIONS.

(C) LEBANON AND PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION MUST BE SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION. NAM SHOULD CALL FOR CEASEFIRE AND APPLICATION OF ARAB LEAGUE RESOLUTION ON LEBANON.

(D) ISRAEL SHOULD RETREAT FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND CEASE "JUDAIZATION" OF THESE TERRITORIES.

(E) RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SHOULD BE ERADICATED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA SHOULD BE GIVEN INDEPENDENCE.

(F) WORLD DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH THE CONVOCAION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WHICH DEVELOPING STATES AS WELL AS THE GREAT POWERS ARE REPRESENTED.

(G) THE ARMS RACE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD SHOULD STOP AND THE RESOURCES NOW SPENT ON ARMS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO COMMON DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THE ERADICATION OF MISERY.

2. CHATTY DECLARED IN HIS SPEECH THAT THE NAM SHOULD NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC DISPUTES (CALLED "SPECIAL BILATERAL PROBLEMS") BUT RATHER SHOULD COORDINATE POSITIONS FOR A COMMON GLOBAL STRATEGY ON SUCH GENERAL ISSUES AS SUPPORT FOR RECOGNIZED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND CONTINUATION OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. CHATTY MADE NO MENTION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS KOREA, PUERTO RICO, OR THE PANAMA CANAL, LEAVING THE NAM TO ASSUME THAT THESE ARE THE KINDS OF SPECIFIC DISPUTES WHICH THEY SHOULD AVOID.

3. CHATTY'S SPEECH FOLLOWS GENERAL LINE AND TACTICS OF GOT FOREIGN POLICY IN RECENT PERIOD AND CONTAINED NO SURPRISES. TUNISIA HAS AVOIDED PUBLIC EXPOSITION OF ITS POLICY ON HEATED ISSUES DISTANT FROM ITS DIRECT CONCERNS, FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION INSTEAD ON ECONOMIC GENERALTIES ACCEPTABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF COLOMBO PARTICIPANTS
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AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE MIDDLE EAST AND LEBANON, OF COURSE, ARE NOT DISTANT CONCERNS FOR TUNISIA AND, AS AN ARAB STATE, IT WAS CRITICAL OF ISRAEL AND CALLED FOR END OF HOSTILITIES IN LEBANON AND SAVING OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. FAILURE TO MENTION OR ALLUDE TO KOREA AND PUERTO RICO INDICATES THAT THE GOT WISHES TO STEER CLEAR OF THESE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AT COLOMBO AND REMAIN ABOVE ANY "DECISIONS" TAKEN BY NAM SUMMIT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM EMBASSY COLOMBO REPORTING, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

TUNISIA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF CAR DRAFT AMENDMENTS REGARDING KOREA.
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